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BlueDivet Learning and Training Activity at Piraeus, Greece



Mentors representing eight collaborating organizations from Spain, Greece, Cyprus, and Bulgaria participated in the learning and training activities of the BlueDivet project, held from October 30, 2023, to November 3, 2023. The event was organized by the Greek partner IDEC and took place in Piraeus, Greece.

Building upon the established “Curriculum for Vocational Training in the field of blue digitalization profile,” which constitutes Project Result 2, mentors actively participated in the refinement of pedagogical content and materials for vocational training focused on blue digitalization within the realm of blue growth.

The finalized training package will undergo a pilot phase, wherein the course will be presented to a cohort of 80 participants from the partner countries. This phase aims to assess the final output, allowing for evaluation and refinement as needed.





The training's **host organization IDEC** (<https://idec.gr/>) is a company specialized in business consulting, training services and high-tech applications. It has been active in the Greek and international markets since 1989.

IDEC deserves appreciation for affording participants in the BlueDivet project training the opportunity to witness the Piraeus port, one of the largest in the Mediterranean. Ranking first in the region for the annual transportation of TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units), the visit allows participants to delve into the city's maritime history.

Piraeus stands as Greece's premier marine-based shipping center, serving as the vital commercial hub for Greek shipping. The city hosts the offices of a majority of Greece's shipowners, solidifying its position as a key player in the maritime industry.

The IDEC arranged a cultural excursion to Athens for the participants of the BlueDivet project. Accompanied by a skilled guide, the trainees explored the Acropolis, various city museums, numerous monuments, historical sites, and other tourist destinations, turning the 5-day visit to Greece into an enjoyable and unforgettable experience. Our sincere gratitude goes to our Greek partner IDEC for flawlessly coordinating the training and the warm hospitality!



BlueDivet at the Female Leadership Forum: “Women, Present and Future in the Blue Economy” at Cadiz, Spain

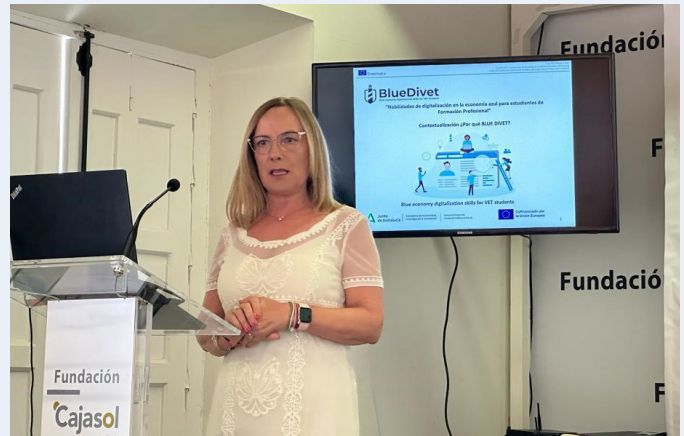
The BlueDivet project was presented by Andalucía Emprende at the female leadership forum: “Women, Present and Future in the Blue Economy”, held in the city of Cadiz (Spain).

The event’s aim was to make visible and to promote female leadership in the Blue Economy as well as this strategic sector for the province of Cadiz and Andalusia, full of challenges and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda. The event featured the collaboration of female experts, supporting innovation and entrepreneurship.



In this space for dialogue, women and men, professionals, managers, entrepreneurs, scientists, institutions, companies, students, etc. from the entire value chain of the blue economy were present, with a programme of presentations, round tables, and networking of the highest level.

At the institutional level, the event was attended by Ms. Ana Carrera, Deputy for Employment of the province of Cadiz; Ms. Maria Jesús Mosquera, Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy of the University of Cadiz; Ms.



Inmaculada Olivero, Territorial Delegate of the Regional Ministry of Economy, Finance and European Funds and Industrial Policy, Energy and Mines; Ms. Rocío Reinoso, President of the Social Council of the Pablo de Olavide University and Ana María Sanjuán, Councillor for Green City and Energy Transition of the city of Cadiz.



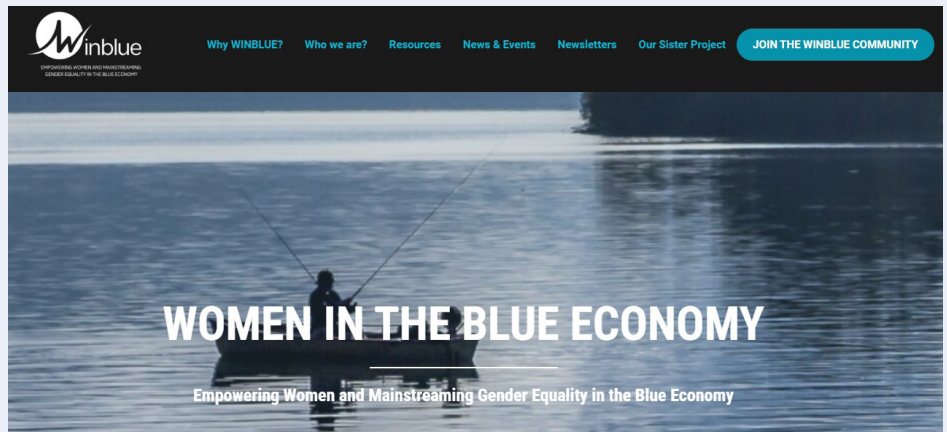
It was a great opportunity for Andalucía Emprende to present the European project #BLUEDIVET to relevant actors related to the blue economy.

Thanks for the invitation to Foro Mujeres Líderes and Andalucía Emprende Cádiz!

BlueDivet Synergizes with Other Projects Related to the Blue Economy

The **WINBLUE project**, supported by EMFAF and titled “Empowering Women and Mainstreaming Gender Equality in the Blue Economy” (<https://winblue-project.eu/>), was introduced to participants from Spain, Greece, Cyprus, and Bulgaria during the training course in Piraeus, Greece, on 03/11/2023, following the official training program for the day.

As a partner in the WINBLUE project, VEDA representatives have the chance to engage with the IDEC team in discussions addressing challenges and barriers faced by women in the blue economy sectors, which are in the focus of this project.



Currently the IDEC implements over 60 EU funded projects, among them the project **Blue-C** – “Collaborating Coastal Communities through Co-Work Co-Design & Co-Creation” (<https://inishowen.ie/blue-c/>) and the **SECOVE** - “Sustainable Energy Centres of Vocational Excellence” (<https://secove-project.eu/>). The second project aims to establish a cooperation platform for Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) across Europe in the sector of renewable and sustainable energy with focus also on attracting more women in that sector.

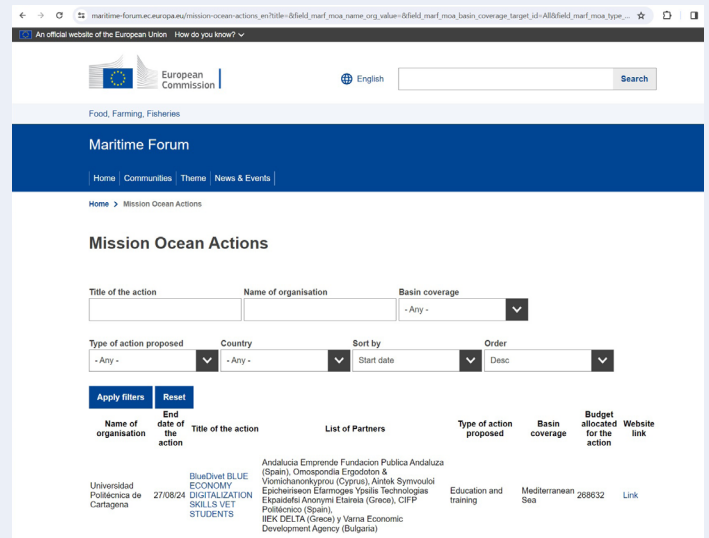
IDEC has initiated a new project titled **GENDERATE** – “Gender mainstreaming in TVET” that has recently gained approval. The organization expresses interest in expanding collaboration with VEDA and other BlueDivet project partners, particularly on matters related to gender equality and other issues within the blue economy sectors.

BlueDivet Project Was Approved as Part of the Mission Ocean Actions



The European project office at the Universidad Politecnica de Cartagena in Spain has applied to EU Mission Ocean Action for presenting the BlueDivet project as part of the Maritime Forum – a Platform for Maritime Policy Stakeholders (https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/index_en)

The BlueDivet project was approved and included in the EU Mission Ocean Actions in October 2023. It is visible to stakeholders and parties interested in the EU maritime policy, to communicate on a common platform, to publish events, documents, and to follow developments in their areas of interest.



Call for Workshops for the EMD 2024

The Call for Workshops for European Maritime Day (EMD) 2024 is currently accepting submissions!

To take part, interested stakeholders are invited to fill out and submit the online application form before **17:00 CET on December 8, 2023.**



The **European Maritime Day (EMD)** is an annual two-day event that serves as a gathering for the maritime community of Europe. Participants convene to network, engage in discussions, and collaborate on matters related to maritime affairs and sustainable initiatives within the blue economy.

EMD, recognized as the gathering point for 'Ocean Leaders,' provides an immersive and interactive experience to stay informed about diverse issues in the blue economy and marine environment. The event features inspirational speakers, thematic sessions, stakeholder workshops, and pitch sessions organized by stakeholders and the European Commission. EMD is designed for professionals from businesses, governments, public institutions, NGOs, academia, and EU citizens with an interest in marine affairs. For more information and to submit your application, visit the website: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/aa5ca36f-afee-ed3d-a2da-84139ed691a1>

Innovation Fund 2023 Call Info Day

On **7 December, 2023** the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) and the European Commission's DG Climate Action are organising an **Informational Day to present the Innovation Fund 2023 Call (IF23 Call)**.

Registration for the event is opened until 5 December 2023, 17:00 (CET) via the link <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/IF23Call-info-day-7december-2023>



The IF23 Call was launched on 23 November with a budget of €4 billion, from revenues from the EU Emissions Trading System. This new **call will be open to small, medium, and large-scale projects and will cover sectors including decarbonisation, cleantech manufacturing, maritime and energy-intensive industries**. The application window will be open until early April 2024.

The info day will guide the participants through all the novelties of this call, and present lessons learned from previous calls. Additionally, during the event, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions via Slido using #IF23Call. The presentations and recording will be made available afterwards.

Teaching and Learning with Living Heritage: Webinar for Teachers.

A webinar for teachers and educators organised by UNESCO with the support of EU4Ocean Coalition! 13 December 2023, 17:00 - 19:00 (CET) Online only!

The participants - teachers & school principals, will discover how to connect ocean topics to intangible cultural heritage in school. In this webinar, the participants will:

- Connect ocean topics to oral traditions, performing arts, history, and myths.
- Discover how to be part of the European Network of #BlueSchools.
- Understand how to connect their local actions with the #BlueCurriculum initiative.



Registration for the webinar is through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZP30JN0qTEug6lepdxdi3fg#/registration

EMODnet for Mission Ocean and Horizon Europe

EMODnet webinar will be held on **28 February 2024**, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The event will bring together European Horizon Europe and EU Mission Ocean projects, lighthouses and more to present how EMODnet's marine data and data product offer can underpin the ocean knowledge required, and how EMODnet's Data Ingestion service can support data submission to the European and global ocean data ecosystem.



For more information, please follow the link <https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/emodnet-mission-ocean-and-horizon-europe>

Ocean Literacy in Action at the European Ocean Days – 8 March 2024

Hosted by DG MARE and the vibrant EU4Ocean coalition, and with the support of IOC/UNESCO, the European Ocean Day will be filled with insightful discussions and activities centred around ocean literacy. It will shine a spotlight on the collective achievements of the EU4Ocean coalition's three pillars – the platform, the Youth4Ocean Forum, and the Network of Blue Schools – complemented by global insights from IOC/UNESCO initiatives.

The event will be an occasion for celebrating International Women's Day, highlighting the extraordinary contributions of women in ocean science, art, and education.



Registration will be opened soon. To learn more and to register, please follow the Maritime Forum's News & Events section at https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/news-events_en